



City of Takoma Park

Takoma Park Police Department

Chief DeVaul Announces Takoma Park Police Officer and Civilian of the Year for 2020

Det. Charles Earle was selected Officer of the Year 2020 because of his dedication to duty and his significant accomplishments and contributions throughout the year.

Det. Earle took the Oath of Office with the Takoma Park Police Department on January 3, 2020. He worked successfully in the patrol division until his transfer to the Criminal Investigations Division (CID).

Det. Earle's work and actions have contributed significantly to the department's visions and goals through his extraordinary efforts in the accomplishment of extremely difficult police work requiring skills and intelligence. He has demonstrated outstanding performance by showing initiative, perseverance and dedication to duty in highly credible police work.

During 2020, while the country was navigating its way with new COVID-19 protocols, Det. Earle continued to handle himself with professionalism and worked several serious cases which resulted in arrests.

In addition to solving cases, Det. Earle was also paramount in assisting in the department's recruiting process. During 2020, Det. Earle conducted nine background investigations. Background investigations are time consuming and very intricate work.

Det. Earle always maintains a positive and professional demeanor. He is an extremely hard worker and team player. He is always willing to assist other investigators on their



cases, gives advice, covers on-call status for his fellow investigators and significantly contributes to the agency's goals and vision.

These are just some examples of the type of work and dedication that Det. Earle exemplifies on a regular basis.

Det. Earle is an excellent asset to the Takoma Park Police Department and to the residents he serves. His teamwork, persistence and efforts to take felons off the streets, and to ensure the safety of others, are outstanding. He is recognized for his dedication and commitment as Officer of the Year 2020.

We also congratulate our Civilian of the Year, Ms. Lakya Coles.

The Civilian of the Year Award describes an employee, in part, whose work duties and actions have contributed significantly to the Department's visions and goals. Ms. Lakya Coles performed these duties and more during 2020.

In 2020, with the pandemic outbreak, policies changing daily and civilian staff fully transitioning to remote work, Ms. Coles served as a source of stability for the department. She dealt with many challenges and hurdles, including taking on new responsibilities, as well as assisting other employees with tasks that needed to be completed in the building while they were remotely working. Ms. Coles demonstrated strong perseverance, dedication and adaptability throughout 2020.

To be named Civilian Employee of the Year requires significant contribution to the department's visions and goals through outstanding performance showing initiative, perseverance and dedication to duty and the department in highly creditable work.



These are just some examples of the type of work and dedication that Ms. Coles exemplifies on a regular basis.

Ms. Coles is an excellent asset to the Takoma Park Police Department and to the residents she serves. She is recognized for her dedication and commitment as Civilian of the Year 2020.

Congratulations to Det. Charles Earle and Ms. Lakya Coles!